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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
November 25. NORDEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,367. Nielsen, Kutching 20th November, Coal—MITSU BOSAN KAISHA.
November 26. HAIKONG, British steamer, 1,123. Harris, Foochow 23rd Nov. Amoy 24th and Swatow 25th. General—DRUGS LA PRAIRIE & CO.
November 26. DEUCALION, British steamer, 1,374. W. Asquith, Shanghai via Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow 19th November, General—DUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
November 26. LOONG-WIA, British 3m schooner, 376. S. A. Lord, Newchung 8th Nov. Pass—ED. SCHELLHAS & CO.
November 26. TROUSSEN, German str., 2,879. C. Polle, Shanghai 24th November, Mails and General—MELCHERS & CO.
November 26. FOOKSANG, British steamer, 391. Hogg, Whampoa 25th November, General—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.
November 26. BENLAWAS, British str., 1,350. Webster, Amoy 25th November, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
November 26. CEDAR OF RIO DE JANEIRO, Amer. str., 3,548. W. B. Sabury, San Francisco 29th October, and Yokohama 21st November, Mails and General—P. M. S. S. CO.
November 26. NATAL, French steamer, 4,036. Souch, Shanghai 24th November, Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
November 27. ASTIC, French gaucho, Rupé, Shanghai 23rd November.
November 27. CYCLOPS, British steamer, 1,413. H. Nish, Liverpool 8th October, and Singapore 19th November, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
November 27. SOOCHOW, British steamer, 327. T. Row, Pakki 25th November, and Howth 26th, General—CHINESE.
November 27. TRUMPH, German steamer, 674. P. Moes, Kowloon 26th November, General—WILDER & CO.
November 27. ZAFIRO, British steamer, 375. G. Taylor, Manila 22nd November, and Amoy 26th, General—RUSSELL & CO.
November 27. KWANG-LEE, Chinese str., 1,508. Wells, Whampoa 27th November, General—C. M. S. N. CO.
CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
26TH NOVEMBER.
Borneo, Dutch str., for Saigon.
Foekong, British str., for Swatow.
Isaac Reed, Amer. ship, for New York.
Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
Marie, German str., for Haiphong.
Anton, German str., for Howth.
Astic, Danish str., for Howth.
Prima, British str., for Shanghai.
Deudal, British str., for Singapore.
DEPARTURES.
November 26. TARTAR, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
November 26. OOPAC, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
November 26. ALWINE, German str., for Howth.
November 26. CHINA, German str., for Saigon.
November 26. MENELAUS, British steamer, for Shanghai.
November 26. FOOKHONG, Siam, str., for Bangkok.
November 26. SAU FILOMENA, Spanish str., for Iloilo.
November 26. BORNEO, Dutch str., for Batavia.
November 26. FOOKSANG, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
November 26. MEFOO, Chi str., for Whampoa.
November 27. ANTON, German str., for Howth.
November 27. AVA, French str., for Shanghai.
November 27. BENLAWAS, British steamer, for London.
November 27. DEUCALION, British steamer, for London.
November 27. DUSSELDORF, Ger. str., for Swatow.
November 27. FOEMBOA, Brit. str., for Tamsui.
November 27. MARIE, Ger. str., for Haiphong.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Haiphong, str. from Foochow, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, and 2 Chinese.
Per Deudal, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Messrs. Martin, Buckley, Mansell, Pollard, and Calleard, and 350 Chinese.
Per Prima, str. from Haiphong.—Mr. Seymour, and family U. S. Consul, Messrs. Talbot, von Pastan, and Ad. Ross, and 20 Chinese.
Per City of Rio de Janeiro, str. from San Francisco, &c.—Messrs. A. G. Rowand, R. A. Center, and W. R. Gilbert, and 33 Chinese.
Per Zafiro, str. from Manila, &c.—Messrs. J. M. Elizabeth and servant, and L. A. Barroto and servant, 2 Europeans and 4 Chinese, deck.
Per Cyclops, str. from Liverpool, &c.—Mrs. Hock, and 20 Chinese.
Per Foekong, str. from Paris, Capt. Lourenco, Messrs. Drury, Lockhead and Stuart, and 64 Chinese from Singapore.
Per Natal, str. from Shanghai.—For Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Robstock, Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Miss Davis, Messrs. Shewick, Scott, Lehman, Cline, Hutchinson, Pope, Crane, Nygaard, and Benjamin, and 4 Chinese.—For 33 Chinese.—For Singapore.—For Doherty, str. from Manila, &c.—Messrs. J. E. Kelly, and 20 Chinese.
Per Foekong, str. from Paris, Capt. Lourenco, Messrs. Drury, Lockhead and Stuart, and 64 Chinese from Singapore.—For Foochow.—Madame de Bertrand and maid servant, Messrs. Lippman and Henry. For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Coniova and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Sakurai and infant, Mrs. Kourawa, Messrs. Kurobe, Watanabe, Fusaaya, Osaka, and Yokohama.
DEPARTURE.
Per Zafiro, str. for Shanghai.—From Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Leferre, Mr. and Mrs. Verdonin, Messrs. Glackhi, H. Trotzig, and C. Wirsching from Singapore.—Mr. Kobb Huddle, from Batavia.—Mr. Van Hemert, for Yokohama.—For Foochow.—Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Tessa and 2 servants, Count Bojani, Count Alvaro, and 2 servants, Colonel Jelassi, Mr. and Mrs. Samanovicz.
TO DEPART.
Per Prima, str. from Hongkong.—For Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Sit, Wong Yuen, Messrs. Hsu Yuan Soon, Yen Soo, Yeung Ah Ho, Leong Ah Quai, Wong Ah Choy, and Ley Ah Sun, for Colombo.—Mr. A. Boskeller, for Southampton.—Mr. S. H. McColister, for Foochow.—Capt. C. R. Wilson, from Shanghai.—For Southampton.—Mr. and Mrs. Boen, and Mr. Boen and family, Eve Gees, Messrs. von Hanckens, Wilkins, and Mrs. Boen, and 2 children, from Nagasaki.—For Singapore.—Mr. G. van Glaesemann, from Yokohama.—For Lavinia Hopkins, Corner of Ningpo and Szechwan Roads, Shanghai, 1st November, 1887. [211]

INTIMATIONS.

LIFE ASSURANCE.
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SCARVES AND TIES,
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OUTFITTING SUNDRIES
OF ALL KINDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
17th November, 1887. [26]

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Fisher's "Outline of Universal History," Burton's "Modern Encyclopedia," and "The Practical Graphic Photo," &c.

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"Boiler Making," by Ford.

Hopkin's "Japanese-English and English-Japanese Dictionary," 2nd Edition.

The Young Ladies' Guide to the Work Table.

Morley's "First Sketch of English Literature."

"Minerals and Minerals," by Davy.

Trotter's "Book of Surgery," 3 vols.

"History of Philosophy," 2 vols.

Macmillan's "Diseases of Tropical Climates."

"Chancery and Land," by Proctor.

"Elements of Metallurgy," by Phillips and Bancroft.

McCulloch's "Dictionary of Commerce and Commercial Navigation."

The Art of Blending and Compounding Liquors, and Medicinal Fluids.

Conrad's Pictures drawn with Pen and Pencil by the Marquis of Lorne K.T.

Australian Pictures drawn with Pen and Pencil by H. Willoughby.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD., HONGKONG. [24]

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Boy's Own Annual.

Child's Picture Books, in great variety.

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Hongkong, 12th October, 1887. [1972]

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 21.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF THE
"TUNGSHA" LIGHT-VESSEL.

NOTICE is hereby given that on about

the 5th December next, the Tungsha

Light-vessel Tungsha will be removed from her

Station for repair and that she will be replaced

by the Light-vessel Neucheng.

The Neucheng will show a FIXED WHITE

LIGHT which should be clear whether

it is day or night, and a small white

light will be exhibited from the fore

part of the vessel 6 feet above the rail, to show

the direction in which the vessel is heading.

Her hull is painted red, with the word NEUCHENG in white on each side, and she has

three masts the main carrying a black ball.

During thick or foggy weather, when foghorn will be sounded at least every 10 seconds.

The Tungsha will return to her Station as soon as repairs have been completed.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 21st November, 1887. [2207]

NOTICE.

The Undersigned begs to inform her

numerous Customers and the General

Public of Hongkong and Our Port Re-

gards, that she is prepared to SUPPLY

FRESH MEAT, VEGETABLES, GAME,

BROWNS, GAME PIES, PORK

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All orders will have prompt and careful

attention.

LAVINIA HOPKINS,

Corner of Ningpo and Szechuan Roads,

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A proclamation has been issued by District Magistrate Pai, the *Courier* says, ordering that in all business transactions the Mexican dollar shall be valued at The 0.73, in consequence of certain native bankers having bought up all the Mexicans on the market, and increasing their value in exchange, to the detriment of the public.

The *Straits Times* says that His Excellency Major-General Cameron, C.B., commanding the Governor by the residents on the upper levels in the Western district on the insanitary condition prevailing there.

For more than two years past, fever has prevailed most extensively and persistently among the residents along Bonham Road and the roads above it.

The type appeared first to be of a malarial character, and was then very generally set down to enteric, but as time went on it showed itself in residences remote from the influence of the newly cut earth, and as it continued after the new sites had been settled and built upon, it became evident that some other cause must be at work. At Failea, which had not previously been subject to sickness, all the inmates were attacked by fever, and it is significant that this outbreak occurred only after the adjoining stream had been closed up and converted into a sewer.

The fever is due to local cases is abundantly proved by the fact that residents who had been driven to Japan or the Peak for change of air after sickness incurred in their homes no sooner returned to them than the fever reappeared. We believe that there is not the slightest doubt that much of the sickness is due to the sewers, which discharge their foul gases at the upper ends, poisoning the air. Other causes are of course at work, but the sewers are probably mainly responsible for most of the sickness.

The matter has become so serious that a exhaustive inquiry into the whole question of the sanitation of that district is absolutely and imperatively necessary without an hour's delay, and we trust His Excellency the Governor will at once order such an inquiry to be made by the most competent authorities. The Sanitary Board would seem to have failed most miserably, or it would long ago have suggested some remedy for this condition of things. We would suggest that a Committee should be appointed to investigate the matter, consisting of the members of the Sanitary Board and some of the residents in the Western district, most competent to give assistance, such as Dr. LEWER, Colonel STONE, Major BROOKS, Mr. DANLY, Mr. J. H. HUMPHREYS, Mr. LEXON, &c. The suggestions contained in the memorial are all well worth consideration, and most of them ought to be carried into effect. The amount of suffering and pecuniary loss caused by this long continued prevalence of fever in the district has been very great. Some families unable to leave or secure houses elsewhere have been obliged to suffice in silence, and their case is peculiarly bad. As the memorialists remark, the whole district has been reduced to a perfect hospital, and unless something is done very shortly worse results will ensue. Now that the question has been laid before Sir WILLIAM DRA VENUE, however, we have confidence it will receive the attention it demands, for His Excellency has shown himself prompt to act where the circumstances require immediate intervention.

The French gunboat *Aspic*, Commander Rapin, from Shanghai 23rd instant, arrived here yesterday.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. A. J. May, Assistant Master, Central School, having returned to the colony from leave of absence, resumed the duties of his office on the 21st inst.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* published a telegram dated Berlin, 20th October, which says—“China has applied to the army authorities for officers to instruct and organize the Chinese army, and the Emperor has consented to allow officers to go there. Many volunteers have offered for the work, though the soldiers have lately objected.”

On the 21st October, says that the Generalissimo officers Captain, Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenant have just received the Emperor's permission to go out to China on a three-year's engagement as instructors and organizers of the Chinese army. For the posts which have now been filled by three appointments there were no more than forty applicants, many of them being officers in the Guards.

The following contributions have been received at Shanghai by Mr. Muirhead for the Yellow River Fund:

Right Rev. Bishop Monk	\$10
A. Friend	20
Mrs. Kelly	7
Miss Ward	5
Rev. J. McLean	5
P. E. Hearden	20
J. E. Williams	10
Mr. Chay Skeene	10

A telegram in the *San Francisco Call* dated Ottawa (Ont.) Oct. 21st says—“The Dominion Government has agreed to give \$100,000 to the Chinese to help them to build a railway from Nanking to Canton, and the Emperor has consented to allow officers to go there. Many volunteers have offered for the work, though the soldiers have lately objected.”

On the 22nd inst. The *Admiralty* was to go direct to Nanking with the Admiral. The *Wanderer* and *Scout* were at the Red Bay on the 22nd.

A Marine Court of Inquiry will assemble at the Harbour Office half-past ten o'clock to-day to hear the evidence of the parties concerning the action of the British steamer *Cruiser* and the letter vessel *Kilburn* in Illeg Bay and of the latter vessel on the 14th last.

The *Fochow Echo* says it is rumored that the steamer *Wai Ting*, the Chinese frigate, which was captured by the French at the bombardment of Pagoa Anchorage, has been ransacked in command, having now assumed charge of the steam-vessel *Wai Ting*.

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It is notified in the *Gazette* that one month's vacation leave has been granted to the Hon. G. Thomas, R.N., Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, and that Commander Runney, R.N., Assistant Harbour Master, has been appointed Acting Harbour Master and Acting Marine Magistrate.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1887.

The following is the Order of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held tomorrow afternoon:

Third reading of the following Bill.—
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the Government has power under existing legislation.

2.—The stoppage of drying sugar bars on the hill-side above the site. The land to be broken and thickly planted with trees.

3.—The infliction of heavy penalties on native gardeners convicted of using offensive liquid manures within the limits of the city.

4.—That all garbage and street sweepings shall be sent to a distant locality and burned.

5.—That all property intended by Government

(We understand one was ordered by Government several years ago) be sold.

—That all public sewers, especially those in steep streets, shall be properly ventilated by having ventilators constructed about one hundred yards apart, according to the local Government's recommendation, so as to... have the present system of drainage.

6.—That all marshes, so as to keep them near the respective water-courses on the hill-sides be drained by surface drainage or otherwise.

We intend sending a copy of this letter to the several newspapers in the Colony.

We have the honour to be Sir,

Your most humble and obedient servants,

E. MACHINOT.

R. E. TURNER.

WILLIAM WOTTON.

W.M. DABY, M. Inst. of C. E.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

D. GILLIES.

H. N. MOYD.

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JON. J. FRANCIS.

A. TURNER.

GILMAN & CO.

APRIL 24, GREENMONT.

CHARLES C. COHEN.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE.

A. D. GOUDIE.

S. E. SHILLIBER.

T. H. WHITEHEAD.

R. LEWIS, Dr. Surg. Genl.

P. M. O. CHIM & S. S.

The type of flower which I am sorry to say has

been introduced among my servants and

which has lately attached Mr. Lower is not of

a purely mural type, but a bastard fever

I think to some local case which ought to be investigated.

The smells are abominable from the sewers

on the higher levels.

R. L.

F. W. CROSS.

O. BACHRACH.

P. V. VARDEN.

R. K. LUGH.

W. H. LOWE.

The house "Savoyard" has had some of its

unes, attacked by fire since my entering

into residence there in April last. Not a week

has passed without some member of my family

or some of my pupils being laid by. A month

since my wife and daughter were attacked

when Dr. Daniel was at the point of death

to save my wife's life at the point of death

from bilious remittent fever, caused, I have no

doubt, from the filthy condition of the Chinese

Squatters' Plot mentioned in par. A. During

the south-west monsoon the windows facing this

plot could not be kept open on account of the

stench. As no drains from this house are connected with outside drains this poison cannot

come from such a source.

C. J. BATENAN.

S. R. STOMMER.

R. M. JANKOW.

E. DE JERSEY.

for Miss J. WATSON.

A. J. STOMMER.

GEO. R. STEVENS.

A. DE V. BROOK, Major R. E.

H. H. WOOD, Capt. R. E.

E. B. HARRIS.

ALFRED HANCOCK.

E. L. REUTER.

CHAS. D. HARMAN.

ALEXANDER LEVY.

A. S. GARFET.

POLICE COURT.

26th November.

BEFORE MR. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES.

LAWRENCE AT THE GOVERNMENT'S CIVIL HOSPITAL.

Ho Ah Lo and Ho Awai were again brought before the Warden, who charged of stealing a number of articles, the property of John Roppe, warden at the Hospital. There is also a further charge against the second defendant of stealing a watch and chain and slave links, the property of Henry Watson.

Mr. Donnys appeared for the defense.

John Roy, one of the plaintiffs, re-called, said he did second defendant a watch and a chain last Christmas. He said he had given it to him and was unable to say that it was not his property. It had been identified by Watson as his property. It was only a common chain. He gave eighteen pence for it in cash.

Mr. Donnys said the first defendant had already admitted taking some of the articles belonging to Roy, but he had given some of them back and had promised to return the rest on the understanding that he would not be charged with the same. He did not say that he would affect him in any way, but he asked his Worship to deal leniently with his case. There was no case whatever against the second defendant. As far as he had followed the evidence this only thing the second defendant had stolen it. As to the other two articles found in his possession and the handkerchief they were of such little value that he might be excused for taking them, and he would therefore be discharged. In consideration of the first defendant giving back the gold ring and the sapphire and diamond ring he had liguated his hands and he therefore suggested that he be given two months imprisonment with hard labour. Had the property stolen belonged to patients in the hospital his punishment would have been much heavier.

ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER.

John Sobolik, seaman on board the Russian man-of-war, *Rynda*, was charged with assaulting Inspector Corcoran.

Inspector Corcoran said that about 8 p.m. on the previous evening he had been on deck when he heard a noise and went up to see what it was. He told him to go to his boat which was lying at Murray Wharf, when defendant turned on him and attacked him. With the assistance of Pte. Flanagan of the Northamptonshire Regiment he took defendant into custody.

His Worship fined defendant \$3 and ordered a dollar to be paid to Pte. Flanagan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.

THE CUSTOMS AND FOREIGN SHIPPING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."

DEAR SIR.—I beg you will publish the following for the benefit of the shipowners who may be leaving your port for the Philippines Islands, so that they may most carefully make out their manifest, and prevent any recurrence of the scandalous treatment to which I have been subjected here.

I sailed from Hongkong for this port on the 1st October with my manifest containing, as I thought, everything on board the vessel worthy of mention; but, found, on my arrival here that I had omitted to note ten cases of habs and spikes for the manufacture of cart-wheels which I had on board as cargo in transit.

These cases of habs and spikes I carried from Bangkok, and when I delivered them to the parties to whom they were consigned refused to receive them on the grounds that the material was rotten and the things were unfit for me, and they would not have them consequently they were thrown back upon the vessel, and I took the cases back again with the intention of taking them back to Bangkok and handing them back to the manufacturers.

For the last few days after my arrival here I discovered the omission in the manifest and notified my consignees, Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co., who at once took the matter in hand to try and rectify the mistake, but it was too late; at no time whatever was allowed for such correction, and

the goods were seized and taken out of the vessel to the Custom House. They laid there two weeks without anything being done, and I twice remanded the administrator that my vessel was rapidly loading and urged him to settle the affair before I should be ready for sea so that I should suffer no detention in consequence.

A few days afterwards the goods were put up at auction, the set price being one hundred dollars for the lot, but nobody bid for them as there were worth very little, and of no use to anyone. Four days afterwards a second auction was held, the set price now being seventy-five dollars, but nobody made any offer. A third auction was proclaimed, the set price again reduced to sixty dollars, and with the same result nobody would buy them. By this time the vessel was loaded enough to be ready for sea.

The admistrator then called the vessel to settle the matter in some way so that I might know the result, at the same time making an offer myself of ten dollars for the goods; this was not accepted, and he said he would have another auction in a week hence and that he would not despatch the vessel until he got ready.

I then represented the case to the Governor himself, who went through the whole matter clearly, and he ordered the goods to be disposed of in some way and the whole affair settled so that the vessel could be despatched when ready for sea. Accordingly a fourth auction was held, in which I was made the victim of a "put up job"; for the things were sold to a native, who probably did not possess twenty-five dollars to his name, and I was paid off at a loss of £100.

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